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SUBJ: GOA REQUEST FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE

REF: CANBERRA 8277

1. SUMMARY: GOA DEFENSE MINISTER BARNARD HAS REQUESTED TWO C-141 AIRCRAFT FOR SEVEN DAY PERIOD FOR USE IN EVACUATION APPROXIMATELY 20,000 PEOPLE FROM DARWIN. END SUMMARY.

2. DUE TO VIRTUAL TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF DARWIN AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM, GOA HAS DECIDED TO EVACUATE ALL BUT ESSENTIAL WORKERS. EVACUATION INVOLVES ABOUT 20,000 SICK, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

3. AUSTRALIAN MOD BARNARD THROUGH NATIONAL DISASTER ORGANIZATION HAS ASKED FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE OF U.S. GOVT IN AUGMENTING TOTALLY MOBILIZED AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT FLEET IN MASSIVE AIR EVACUATION. CITY IS TOTALLY ISOLATED VIA SURFACE TRANSPORT. QANTAS, TAA, ANSETT 707, 747, 727 PLUS ENTIRE UNCLASSIFIED

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AIRLIFT RESOURCES OF RAAF WILL ALSO BE USED.

4. REQUIREMENT IS FOR TWO C-141 AIRCRAFT FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO SEVEN DAYS. AIRCRAFT REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GOA HOPES FOR SUNDAY 29 DEC ARRIVAL. AIRCRAFT TO BE CONFIGURED FOR MAXIMUM PASSENGER LOAD.

5. AIRCRAFT WOULD BE USED TO SHUTTLE BETWEEN MELBOURNE/SYDNEY/BRISBANE AND DARWIN. DARWIN IS LIMITED TO DAYLIGHT OPERATION ONLY AND HAS NO FUEL. AIRCRAFT DAILY UTILIZATION RATE ESTIMATED APPROXIMATELY 10 HRS.

6. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATE NIACT.
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